SIXTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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The Sixth Circuit Judicial Council has received and considered applications from persons interested in appointment to the vacant Bankruptcy Judge position in the Southern District of Ohio at Columbus, vice Barbara J. Sellers, retiring on October 3, 2005.

The Merit Selection Panel appointed by the Chief Circuit Judge of the Sixth Circuit to assist the Council and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in selecting a successor for this position has recommended the following five persons to the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit for consideration for appointment to this Bankruptcy Judge vacancy:

Guy R. Humphrey, Baltimore, Ohio Judith M. McInturff, Bexley, Ohio Carmen Kathryn Preston, Reynoldsburg, Ohio Deborah F. Sanders, Columbus, Ohio David Michael Whittaker, Columbus, Ohio

Under the Act the final selection of persons for appointment as Bankruptcy Judge will be made by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Any person may submit written comments for consideration by the Court of Appeals regarding the qualifications of the above five nominees. Such written comments must be received in the Office of the Circuit Executive, 503 Potter Stewart United States Courthouse, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, **no later than Wednesday, June 1, 2005**.

For further information contact James A. Higgins, Circuit Executive, or Kay Lockett, Assistant Circuit Executive, at (513) 564-7200.

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